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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**TUXFORD GREEN MULTIUSE PROJECT, PHASE I
AWARD CONSULTANT SERVICES AGREEMENT
SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3
3 VOTES**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD ACTING AS THE GOVERNING BODY
OF THE LOS ANGELES COUNTY FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT:**

Award and authorize the Director of Public Works or his designee to execute a consultant services agreement with Burns and McDonnell to provide a detailed design, construction drawings, and schedule of activities for Phase 1 of the Tuxford Green Multiuse Project located in the Sun Valley Watershed for a not to exceed fee of \$211,000 to be financed by the Public Works' 2002-03 Flood Control Budget and establish the effective date following your Board's approval.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Tuxford Green Multiuse Project will alleviate flooding at the intersection of San Fernando Road and Tuxford Street, improve water quality, and provide aesthetic enhancement for this heavily traveled intersection as described in the Tuxford Green Pilot Project Concept Report. This is one of the early demonstration projects related to the Sun Valley Watershed Management Plan.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

Awarding this consulting services agreement will meet the County Strategic Plan Goal of Fiscal Responsibility because the consulting services agreement will allow Public Works to manage resources in a more efficient and responsible manner.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The total maximum cost to Public Works for the consultant services is \$211,000. Sufficient funds to cover the costs are available in the 2002-03 Flood Control Budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

A standard Consultant Services Agreement, in the form previously approved by County Counsel, will be used. The standard Board-directed clauses that provide for contract termination, renegotiation, and hiring of qualified displaced County employees will be included.

As requested by your Board on August 12, 1997, and as a threshold requirement for consideration of a contract award, Burns and McDonnell is willing to consider Greater Avenues for Independence Program participants for future employment.

Burns and McDonnell has demonstrated satisfactory compliance with the County of Los Angeles Code Chapter 2.200 (Child Support Compliance Program).

The agreement also contains provisions requiring the contractor to comply with the County's Contractor Employee Jury Service Program and the Safely Surrendered Baby Law.

As required by your Board, language has been incorporated into the Consultant Services Agreement stating that the consultant shall notify its employees and shall require each subconsultant to notify its employees that they may be eligible for the Federal Earned Income Credit under the Federal income tax laws.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

A finding of environmental impact is not required for the award of this consultant services agreement. Any project that may be proposed as a result of these services will undergo the appropriate environmental review.

CONTRACTING PROCESS

On April 25, 2001, Public Works sent out Requests for Proposals to develop select lists of engineering consultants to do various types of work for the development and design of watershed management projects. The types of projects to be performed by the select list consultants include water resources and environmental engineering, flood hazard mitigation, and stormwater quality mitigation services. The proposals were sent to 29 selected firms, advertised on the County's web page, listed on the Office of Small Business website, and placed in several publications. The firms selected as the best qualified were CH2MHill, David Evans and Associates, Burns and McDonnell, Lee and Ro, and AKM Consulting.

As specific projects are identified, each of the selected firms is given an abridged Request for Proposal in the select list order. A concerted effort is also being made to provide each consultant with equitable work opportunities. Public Works is requesting approval to use one of these consultants to perform services for the Tuxford Green Multiuse Project, Phase 1.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

There is no adverse impact on current services.

CONCLUSION

Please return two approved copies of this letter to Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

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Director of Public Works

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cc: Chief Administrative Office
County Counsel